

TECHNICAL DATA

Product Description

Octolam aluminum laminates are high pressure laminates with a genuine aluminum surface. The surface is applied to a core of phenolic resin using high pressure. A highly resistant aluminum surface is obtained by electrical oxidation for mirror quality or by use of lacquer. As the anodized aluminum is an integral part of the surface layer it gives the product a permanent protection against external influences.

A special heat-curing lacquer on the basis of an Epoxide resin or PU lacquer is also used in many cases as a protection for the metal surface. The aluminum surface has a scratch hardness EN 438 rating of $> 0,5$ N.

Octolam aluminum laminates are offered in various smooth, brushed or embossed surfaces.

The typical metallic character is obtained by pressing in the original colours. A transparent colouration combined with a surface structure gives further possibilities for a decorative effect.

A slight unevenness in the surface (with structures) and slight variations in the reflection of the aluminum surface are unavoidable and normal. Slight colour variations occur during production and are not detrimental to the overall appearance.

Backing Sheets

The manufacturer suggests that both sides of a substrate be clad with similar laminates of equal thickness to avoid warping.

Dimensions and Quality

Size

Most Octolam aluminum laminates are available in size 2440x1220 mm; with some available in 3050x1320 mm. Items with a diamond pattern are effectively 2440x1200 mm.

Dimensional Tolerances

PROPERTY	TEST METHOD (EN 438-2CLAUSE No.)	REQUIREMENT
THICKNESS	5	0,5 ≤ t ≤ 1,0mm: ± 0,10mm maximum variation 1,0 < t < 2,0mm: ± 0,15mm maximum variation (where t = nominal thickness)
FLATNESS ^a	9	60mm/m maximum deviation
LENGTH AND WIDTH ^b	6	+ 10 mm / - 0 mm
STRAIGHTNESS OF EDGES ^b	7	1,5mm/m maximum deviation
SQUARENESS ^{bb}	8	1,5mm/m maximum deviation
Coefficient of elongation α for aluminum at 20 °C = 23,10		
Coefficient of elongation α for Phenol/paper at 20 °C = 13,00		

Fire

Classification: B1 – B2 when tested according to DIN 4102.

Certified by Lloyd's Register and fulfills requirements of IMO FTC.

Grade

Specific items are stocked in either Postform or Standard Grade. Contact us for details.

General Postform Guide: Forming temperature between 140°C; feed rate 10 -20 m/minute. Sheets can generally be formed to a radius 10 times their thickness.

Protective Foil

All Octolam aluminum laminates are supplied with a protective foil which should be removed immediately upon completion of an installation.

Storage

Sheets should be stored in a closed room with a temperature of 18-25°C at 50-60% relative humidity. Store horizontally at 200mm distance from the ground. If this is not possible, store at an 80° angle with the sheet fully supported from behind.

Protect sheets from moisture, direct sunlight and away from any warm air-stream.

Application and Processing

Octolam aluminum laminates are intended for use as a decorative vertical surface in interior application, also for surfaces which are not exposed to heavy wear.

Typical applications are: Wall cladding; home furniture; hotel and restaurant furniture; fronts of drawers; signs for shops and firms; shelf cladding; counters and displays in shops; surfacing for doors and doorframes; boat fixtures; wagon and coach fittings, etc.

For use on surfaces exposed to heavy wear it is recommended that the surface be protected by glass or a clear coat.

Cutting

Octolam aluminum laminates can be sawed, routed and drilled using carbide tipped tools.

Bonding

Precautions to take when bonding in surface presses:

Maximum temperature 60°C
Press pressure 0.15 -0.20 N/mm² (1.5 -2.0 bar)
Soft cushioning between laminate surface and press-plates

All standard commercial glues which are designed for bonding standard high pressure laminates can be used.

Glue Types:

- Dispersion glues (PVAc)
- Condensation resin glues (Urea resin)
- Contact glues
- 2 component glues
- Hot melt glues

When PU glues are used great care must be taken that glue residues are completely removed from the surface.

With compound elements a symmetric construction is necessary. This is obtained by the use of a balancing sheet which must be bonded to the reverse side. A flat element can be obtained by using a sheet of the same type in 2nd quality.

BONDING HPL-SHEETS SURFACED WITH PURE METAL FOILS

The bonding of HPL sheets surfaced with pure metal using contact glues (solvent based) or condensation glues (Resin based on phenol and/or resorcinol), requires special precautions and close adherence to the manufacturer's instructions. Special attention must be paid to a uniform, adequate glue spread, sufficient airing (insufficient airing can lead to eventual blistering between the metal foil and the core of the laminate and/or lead to separation of the foil from the laminate). Sufficient pressure in a press must be used also. The surfaces to be bonded should be kept as small as possible. At least one edge should not exceed 800 mm.

General Rules for Bonding HPL, surfaced with pure metal, to wooden substrates
(Particle board V 20, particle board V 100, plywood, hardboard or solid wood)

Glue Employed	Condensation Glues		
	Urea resin with approx. 10% filter	Urea-Melamine Resin	Phenol Resorcinol resins
For Use in DIN 204	D 3	D 3	D3 / D 4
Resistance to Temperature	Between -20 °C to +150°C		Between -20 °C to +150°C
~ Gluespread: 90-150 g/ m ² on HPL or substrate ~ Open Time: 2-20 min. ~ Press Time: 3-5 bar ~ Press temperature/Press Time: 20 °C / 15-180 min 40°C / 5-30 min 60°C / 1-12 min ~ Open Press Times are dependant on the amount of hardener used.		100-180 g/ m ² 2-15 min 3-5 bar 20 °C approx. 9 hours 40°C / approx. 10 min. 60°C / approx. 5 min.	

Glue Employed	Contact Glues		
	Without hardener	With hardener	With built-in hardener
For Use in EN204	Not classified under EN 204		
Resistance to Temperature	Between -20 °C to +70°C	Between -20 °C to +100°C	Contact manufacturer
~ Gluespread: 150-200 g/ m ² on both HPL and substrate ~ Open Time: Dependant on ambient temperature and on the type of glue used (Fingertest) ~ Press Pressure: At least 5 bar ~ Press temperature: 20 °C / 40°C / 60°C ~ Press Times: Short A roller is recommended.		These are special glues and therefore no values can be given. Contact manufacturer.	

Cleaning and Maintenance

Clean the surface with a clean cloth or a soft sponge, using glass cleaner. For heavier stains turpentine may be required but always test a small area first to ensure there are no adverse effects.

Abrasive cleaners, acids or alkaline products should never be used.

Waste Disposal

Sheets can be burned in an incinerator or disposed of in landfills in accordance with local regulations. Most regions consider high pressure laminate as household waste.

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